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	Jegatheesan Seharaseyon, Ph.D	1647	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 10, 11, 21-25 and 27-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2, 3, 27 and 28 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1, 4, 5, 10, 11, 21-25 and 29-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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| Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Appendix A1-2, B and C1-2.</u> |

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the amendment and remarks filed on 6/7/06. Claims 29-31 have been amended. Claim 26 is canceled. Therefore, claims 1-5, 10-11, 21-25 and 27-31 are currently pending and are examined.

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U. S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

3. Any objection or rejection of record, which is not expressly repeated in this action, has been overcome by Applicant's response and withdrawn.

4. The Office is withdrawing the allowance of claims 5, 10 and 11 due to the new grounds of rejections applied below.

Claim Objections

5. Claims 27 and 28 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claims 24 and 25. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k). Claims 24 and 27 are both drawn to a polynucleotide segment of SEQ ID NO: 1 that is at least 1000 nucleotides in length. Similarly, Claims 25 and 28 are both drawn to a polynucleotide segment of SEQ ID NO: 1 that is at least 2000 nucleotides in length.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, first paragraph (maintained)

6. The rejection of claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for nucleotides encoding a polypeptide of SEQ ID

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NO: 2, does not reasonably provide enablement for a complement encoding a polypeptide comprising at least 190 contiguous amino acids residues of SEQ ID NO: 2 is maintained for reasons set forth in the Office Action dated 1/31/06 (pages 6-11) and below. Wand's factors were discussed in the previous Office Action dated 1/13/06. Applicant in the response filed 6/7/06 has not indicated how complement will encode the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2. As indicated previously there is a single polynucleotide disclosed with reference to IPM150 isoform A, SEQ ID NO: 2. There is no enabling disclosure to support a complementary sequence to encode a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2. Despite knowledge in the art for producing a polypeptide the specification fails to provide any guidance regarding its complementary nucleotide sequences to encode polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2. Thus, undue amount of experimentation would be required to generate the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2 using the complementary sequences. Claims 5, 10, 11 and 21-22 are rejected insofar as they depend from claim 4.

7. The rejection of claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention is maintained for reasons set forth in the Office Action dated 1/31/06 (pages 3-6) and below. Applicant in the response filed 6/7/06 has not indicated how complement will encode the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2. The specification discloses the nucleotides of SEQ ID NO: 1 and nucleotides encoding SEQ ID NO: 2 (Page 10, paragraph 47). This meets the written

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description provisions of 35 USC 112, first paragraph. However, the specification does not disclose a complementary sequence that encodes a polypeptide comprising at least 190 amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO: 2 contemplated by the Applicant. The claims as written, however, encompass sequences which were not originally contemplated and fail to meet the written description provision of 35 USC 112, first paragraph because the written description is not commensurate in scope with the recitation of claim 4. The specification does not provide written description to support the genus encompassed by the instant claim. As a result, it does not appear that the inventors were in possession of complementary polynucleotide sequence set forth in claim 4. Therefore, only isolated polynucleotide encoding SEQ ID NO: 2 but not the full breadth of the claim meets the written description provision of 35 USC 112, first paragraph. Claims 5, 10, 11 and 21-22 are rejected insofar as they depend from claim 4.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112(New)

8. Claims 1, 4, 5, 10, 11 and 21-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

8a. Claim 1 is rejected as being indefinite because the claim recites "wherein said nucleic acid segment is 100 to 3330 nucleotides in length and has sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 1". The Office is assuming that the nucleotide fragment contemplated could have any percentage identity to SEQ ID NO: 1, the claim is considered indefinite. Applicant can obviate the rejection by amending the claim to

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recite "wherein said nucleic acid segment is 100 to 3330 contiguous nucleotides of SEQ ID NO: 1". Claims 23-25 are rejected insofar as they depend from claim 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102(New)

9. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

9a. Claims 1 and 29-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Macke et al. (1996, Accession No.W26960).

Macke et al. (1996, Accession No.W26960) discloses a 561bp cDNA fragment (EST) from human retinal library. Claim 1 is drawn to polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid segment or its complement that is 100 to 3330 nucleotides long that has identity to SEQ ID NO: 1. In addition, claims 29-31 are drawn to polynucleotide primers or probes comprising a nucleotide sequence that is identical to or complementary to SEQ ID NO: 1 and between 12 and 100 contiguous nucleotides in length. As can be seen in Appendix A, the EST fragment disclosed by Macke et al. contains at least

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300bp that are identical to SEQ ID NO: 1. Therefore, claims 1 and 29-31 are anticipated by Macke et al. (1996, Accession No.W26960).

9b. Claims 29-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Flor et al. (U. S. Patent No. 6, 228, 610).

Flor et al. discloses SEQ ID NO: 5 which has a 20bp fragment that is identical to 20 nucleotides of SEQ ID NO: 1 of the instant invention (see Appendix B). This 20mer sequence can be used as a primer or a probe. Therefore, claims 29-31 are anticipated by Flor et al. (U. S. Patent No. 6, 228, 610).

9c. Claims 1, 23 and 29-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Felbor et al. (1998, Reference C10 on PTO1449 Of 2/05/2004, also Accession No. AF017776.1).

Felbor et al. (1998, Accession No.AF017776.1) discloses a 1235 bp cDNA fragment of human interphotoreceptor matrix gene (IPM150), exon 17. There is identity to about 700 nucleotides and appears not to be non-coding. . Claim 1 is drawn to polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid segment or its complement that is 100 to 3330 nucleotides long that is identical to SEQ ID NO: 1. Further, claim 23, is drawn to polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid segment that is at least 500 nucleotides long and that is identical to SEQ IDNO: 1. In addition, claims 29-31 are drawn to polynucleotide primers or probes comprising a nucleotide sequence that is identical to or complementary to SEQ ID NO: 1 and is between 12 and 100 contiguous nucleotides. As can be seen in Appendix C1-2 the cDNA fragment disclosed by Felbhor et al.

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contains at least 1235bp that identical to SEQ ID NO: 1. Therefore, claims 1 and 23, 29-31 are anticipated Felbor et al. (1998, Reference C10 on PTO1449 Of 2/05/2004, also Accession No.AF017776.1).

Conclusion

10. Claims 2, 3, 27 and 28 are allowable.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jegatheesan Seharaseyon, Ph.D whose telephone number is 571-272-0892. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 8:30-5:00.

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